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Ald. Joe Davis, Sr.
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Smoking Ban Proposed For Milwaukee Buildings That Are Open To The Public

Proposed No Smoking Ordinance Would Include Restaurants and Taverns

Ald. Joe Davis, Sr. will hold a press conference at **10:00 a.m. today (July 5, 2005) in the rotunda at City Hall, 200 E Wells St.** to discuss the proposed ordinance he's authored to ban smoking in nearly all Milwaukee public buildings. **Media coverage is invited.**

The purpose of the ordinance is to protect the public from the risks associated with secondhand smoke in public places and places of employment. Many concerns have been voiced to protect the health of employees and visitors of public establishments and buildings.

The main features of the proposed ordinance are:

- All smoking would be banned inside places that are open to the public, places of employment, and other areas under the control of these proprietors.
- Exceptions to the regulations include:
 - private residences (except those operated as day care centers)
 - family owned and operated businesses that exclude the public from designated smoking areas
 - retail tobacco stores where the main source of revenue is tobacco
 - outdoor patios
- The health department and police department would enforce the regulations.
- Those who fail to comply would receive a written notice on the first failure, a \$75 fine for the second, and a \$100 fine for each subsequent failure within one calendar year.

Ald. Terry L. Witkowski and Ald. Robert J. Bauman have agreed to co-host public informational meetings with Ald. Davis on the proposed ordinance this week. The meeting with Ald. Witkowski will be tomorrow (Wednesday, July 6) from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Wilson Park Senior Center, 4001 S. 20th St., and the meeting with Ald. Bauman will be on Thursday, July 7 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Milwaukee Area Technical College's auditorium C, located off N. 8th St. and W. Highland.

Ald. Davis, who represents the 2nd District, will host a meeting on the ordinance on Friday, July 8 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Madison High School, 8135 W. Florist Ave.

